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SUBJECT: LETELIER/MOFFITT ASSASSINATION

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1. CITING UNIDENTIFIED LOCAL JUDICIAL SOURCES, THE SANTIAGO PRESS JULY 21 REPORTED THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE SENDING EXTRADITION REQUESTS FOR THREE CHILEANS (CONTRERAS, FERNANDEZ AND ESPINOZA) DURING THE FIRST WEEK IN AUGUST. THE PRESS HAS SPECULATED THAT LAWYER ALFREDO ETCHEBERRY'S PRESENCE THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON IS CONNECTED WITH THOSE REQUESTS. THE JULY 21 PRESS ALSO CARRIES A LATIN WIRE-STORY, DATELINED JULY 20, ON A NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE SAYING THAT THE PARAGUAYAN MILITARY INTELLIGENCE CHIEF HAD GIVEN U.S. AUTHORITIES A COPY OF A CONTRERAS MESSAGE REQUESTING GOP ASSISTANCE IN GETTING U.S. VISAS FOR TOWNLEY AND FERNANDEZ.

2. ON THE JUDICIAL FRONT, BOTH TOWNLEY LAWYER MANUEL ACUNA AND SOURCES CLOSE TO MARIANA CALLEJAS, TOWNLEY'S WIFE, AFFIRMED THAT TOWNLEY'S REPLIES TO A SERIES OF QUESTIONS SENT TO HIM BY JUDGE CARMEN CANALES VIA THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LETTERS ROGATORY PROCEDURE WOULD BE FORTHCOMING WITHIN THE NEXT THREE DAYS. JUDGE CANALES, FROM THE THIRD CRIMINAL COURT, IS INVESTIGATING POSSIBLE IRREGULARITIES IN TONWLEY'S EXPULSION. SHE IS EXPECTED TO RENDER A DECISION UPON RECEIPT AND STUDY OF THE TONLEY ANSWERS. ACCORDING TO "EL MERCURIO" JULY 20, ANOTHER INVESTIGATION, THAT CARRIED OUT BY AD HOC MILITARY INVESTIGATING JUDGE

GENERAL HECTOR OROZCO INTO POSSIBLE IRREGULARITIES IN THE  
ISSUANCE OF PASSPORTS TO TOWNLEY AND FERNANDEZ, HAS BEEN  
BROADENED TO INCLUDE ISSUANCE OF AT LEAST TWO OTHER PASS-  
PORTS. OROZCO IS REPORTEDLY AWAITING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

3. WE CONSIDER IT POSSIBLE THAT REPORTS CITED IN PARA ONE  
ARE BASED ON PHONE CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN TOWNLEY AND HIS  
WIFE WHO HAS BEEN A STEADY SOURCE FOR RUMORS. CAN  
JUSTICE/FBI VERIFY IF TOWNLEY IS STILL FREQUENTLY ON THE  
HORN TO SANTIAGO?  
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